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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David A. Saunders

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 11-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 11-19 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

AMENDMENT ENTRY

Amendment of 2/14/06 has been entered. Claims 1-9 and 11-19 are pending and are under subject to restriction. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION OF 7/28/08

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 8/28/08 is acknowledged. However, the restriction is again stated below with a correct listing of the claims pertaining to Groups I and II. The examiner improperly considered all new claims filed on 2/14/06 to be of Group II and all previously filed claims to be of Group I.

RESTRICTION GOUPS

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-7 and 19, drawn to methods of obtaining antibody producing cells and of isolating antibodies therefrom.

Group II, claim(s) 8-9 and 11-18, drawn to antibodies and pharmaceutical compositions thereof.

REASONS INVENTIONS LACK UNITY

The inventions listed as Groups I-II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

Applicant's contribution over the prior art appears to be a method of obtaining antibody producing cells and of isolating antibodies therefrom. However, no matter how the antibody producing cells and antibodies therefrom may be obtained, the cells and/or the antibodies do not differ from those obtained by methods of the prior art. Any monoclonal antibody inherently has a particular binding specificity and affinity for a particular epitope, irrespective of how the antibody producing cells may have been selected. Therefore, the instantly obtained cells and isolated antibodies do not materially differ from the hybridomas/engineered cells and their secreted antibodies that have been around since the age of monoclonal antibodies began in the 1970s. As such, Invention II does not provide a contribution over the prior art, as is required for the claims to have Unity of invention.

CONTACTS

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Saunders whose telephone number is 571-272-0849. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thu., 8:00 am-5:30 pm and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen O'Hara can be reached on 571-272-0878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/David A Saunders/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1644